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Senate sends meth package to governor

LANSING – An 18-bill legislative package to protect communities from methamphetamine was sent to the governor today, said Sen. Patty Birkholz, one of the sponsors.

The bills focus on cleaning up meth-sites, protecting children who have been exposed to meth and providing public access to clean-up procedures.

“By sending this legislation to the governor we are a step closer to gaining control over this deadly and dangerous drug,” said Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township. “We need to stop meth from spreading further in the state and causing any more damage to children, families and neighborhoods.”

The legislative package will:

- Require the Department of Human Services to partner with local law enforcement when a child has been exposed to meth.
- Require DHS to refer child abuse cases that include a child’s exposure to meth production to the prosecuting attorney.
- Require statewide criteria that every community may follow in order for a home or other meth production site to be considered clean and ready for occupancy.
- Require DEQ to report to the Legislature the nature of environmental contamination materials found during meth lab busts.
- Require a public website listing the location of meth busts and indicating if the location has been cleaned.
- Allow the attorney general to prosecute a person maintaining a website containing instructions for producing meth.
- Prohibit the sale, via the Internet, of the ingredients used to manufacture meth.
- Ask Congress to provide funding to help states and local communities clean up and deal with the effects of meth labs.

The package consists of Senate Bills 1112-1117, 1119 and 1282, Senate Resolution 101, along with House Bills 5842-45, 5797-98, 5822, 5841, 5846 and 5930.

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